

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE:  ADVANCED TELCOM GROUP, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-00-15 WRU-00-18-3391
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**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION, APPROVING CONCURRENCE IN MAPS,  
AND GRANTING WAIVERS**

(Issued May 19, 2000)

On March 21, 2000, Advanced TelCom Group, Inc. (ATGI), filed an application for issuance of a certificate of public convenience and necessity, pursuant to Iowa Code § 476.29 (1999), stating its intention to provide resold and facilities-based local exchange service in Iowa. ATGI stated its intention to provide service in the territories of U S WEST Communications, Inc. (U S WEST), and GTE Midwest Incorporated (GTE). ATGI will adopt the current maps, as well as any future changes to the maps, of U S WEST and GTE. ATGI has not yet filed proposed tariffs.

Iowa Code § 476.29(2) (1999) provides that the local exchange carrier shall not be denied a certificate if the Utilities Board (Board) finds that the applicant "possesses the technical, financial, and managerial ability to provide the service it proposes to render and the board finds the service is consistent with public interest." The Board has carefully reviewed ATGI's application and finds ATGI has demonstrated that it has the necessary technical, financial, and managerial ability to

provide local exchange service. It is in the public interest to grant a certificate to ATGI.

ATGI has stated that it will implement 2-PIC technology for both intraLATA and interLATA dialing parity.

ATGI requested a waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), which requires it to use a prescribed system of accounts, and 199 IAC 18.2, which requires it to maintain its books and records in Iowa. ATGI stated it employs an accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and that those records are kept at its principle place of business in California, but will be made available to the Board as necessary.

ATGI also requested the Board waive 199 IAC 22.3(1) requiring it to independently publish a directory, stating that it will provide for the listing of its customers' telephone numbers in the appropriate local directory.

The Board finds it reasonable to grant ATGI's requests for waivers. Based on the nature of the local exchange service ATGI will provide, the Board finds that none of these requirements are appropriate at this time. The Board will be able to adequately review the records if it becomes necessary. Until or unless ATGI serves a very large number of customers, it is unnecessary for it to publish a separate directory in Iowa.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

1. The application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed by Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., on March 21, 2000, is granted, subject to the requirement that follows.
2. At the time Advanced TelCom Group, Inc., files tariffs with the Board, it must give notice to all affected local exchange carriers. Upon approval of tariffs to reflect the prices, terms, and conditions of local exchange service in Iowa offered by ATGI, the Board will issue a certificate of public convenience and necessity allowing it to provide local exchange service in Iowa.
3. The concurrence in the U S WEST Communications, Inc., and GTE Midwest Incorporated maps and boundaries by ATGI is approved.
4. ATGI's requests for waiver of 199 IAC 16.5(2), 18.2, and 22.3(1) are granted.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Raymond K. Vawter, Jr.      /s/ Diane Munns  
Executive Secretary

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2000.